Missing of Art objects/Sculptures during Festival of India in USSR

29. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Museum had hired some sculptures from the Konark and Ratnagiri museums of Orissa for the Festival of India organised in the Soviet Union;

(b) whether some sculptures have not returned so far;

(c) whether those sculptures were missing or damaged; and

(d) if not, what steps have been taken to return those sculptures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The National Museum had taken on loan, one sculpture from the Konark site museum and one from the Ratnagiri site museum for the Festival of India in USSR. None of these is missing. Both the art objects have been returned to the respective museums of Orissa. The sculpture belonging to Konark suffered minor damage.

Tapping the tourist potential in Tamil Nadu

30. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any specific proposal has been submitted by Tamil Nadu Government for tapping the tourist potential in the State;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what decision has been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Development of tourist spots in Tamil Nadu

31. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what proposals have been included in Seventh Five Year Plan for development of tourist spots in Tamil Nadu which are yet to be completed or implemented;

(b) what are the other proposals, if any under consideration of Government for promotion of tourism in that State; and

(c) what is the time stipulated for completion of each of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (c) The Central Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism provides financial assistance on the basis of specific proposals received from State Government. These proposals are taken up for financial assistance subject to the potential of the place, existing and projected tourist traffic, viability of the project, overall merits of the proposal, availability of funds and *inter-se* priorities. The statement about the details of the proposals during the Seventh Plan so far is enclosed (*See* below). The stipulated period for completion of each of the projects varies from two to three years.

Statement

Details of proposals during the seventh Plan so far received from the Govt. of Tamil Nadu

(Rs. in lakhs)

Name of the Scheme	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
(a) *Ist Year of the Seventh Plan (1985-86)*		
1. Construction of 8 beach cottages at Kanyakumari	13.36	10 00
2. Wayside amenities at Thirukalukundram	3.92	3.46
3. Wayside amenities at Thiruthani	3.92	3.46
4. Tourist Reception Centre with accommodation at Rameshwaram	18.45	7.00
5. Tourist amenities at Chidambaram	7.86	7.00
6. Provision of boats for Ooty Lake, Udhagamandalam	4.14	4 07
7. Provision of boating facilities at Pulicat Lake	2.85	2 85
8. Pallavapura Tourist Complex at Kanchipuram	20.00	15.00
9. Restaurant Block at Courtallam	5.44	5.00
10. Restaurant Complex at Pichavaram	5.91	5.50
11. Toilet and drinking water facilities at Mamallapuram	1.50	1.00
12. Yatri Niwas at Kanchipuram	35.00	10.00
13. Trekking Equipment	4.66	4.19
(b) *2nd Year of the Seventh Plan (1986-87)*		
1. Tourist Amentities at Hogenakkal	3.38	2.50
2. Yatri Niwas Nagapatinam	37.27	8 00
3. Forest Lodge at Madumalai Wildlife Sanctuary	21.32	8.00
(c) *3rd Year of the Seventh Plan (1987-88)*		
1. Cafeteria at Kanyakumari	6.02	2.00
2. Wayside facilities at Pollachi	11.75	2 50
3. Wayside facilities at Kodai Road	11.26	2 50
4. Wayside facilities at Mel Maruvathur	11.83	2 50
5. Tourist Complex and Boating facilities at Cuddalore	25.21	5.00
6. Visitor's Waiting Hall at Pumpuhar	9.37	2.00
7. Wayside facilities at Pudukottai	11.99	2 50
8. Wayside facilities at Hosur	11 07	2.50

(Rs. in lakhs)

Name of the Scheme	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
9. Wayside facilities at Tuticorin	11.70	5.00
10. Wayside facilities at Tuticorin	11.25	5.00
11. Wayside facilities at Uthira Kosa Mangai	11.25	5.00
12. Wayside facilities at Burliar	12.04	5.00
13. Tourist Complex with boating facilities at Yercaud	26.76	5.00
(d) 4th Year of the Seventh Plan so far (1988-89)		
1. Tourist Amenities at Bathing Ghats at Kanyakumari	3.57	2.00
2. Tourist amenitites at Bathing Ghats at Papanasam	3.57	2.00
3. Tourist Amenities at Srisangam	3.57	2.00
The proposals which are under consideration of the Government during 1988-89		
1. Cafeteria and beautification at Hogenakkal		
2. Tourist facilities at MGR Thittan		
3. Tourist facilities at Tranquebar		
4. Pariyakoodal Tourist Village		
5. Vandiyur Tourist Village		
6. Kannagi Kottam Tourist Village		
7. Integrated developmeent of Rameswaram		
8. Water Sports and Recreation Centre, Madras		
9. Dormitory accommodation at Kanyakumari		
10. Wayside facilities at Oothu		
11. Tourist facilities at Thirubaiyaru		
12. Tourist facilities at Vandiyur Tank		
13. Development of Rameshwaram		

Places of tourist interest in Tamil Nadu for foreign tourists

32. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to popularise the places of tourists interest in Tamil Nadu among the foreign tourist;

(b) what is the number of foreign tourists who visited Tamil Nadu during the last three years;

(c) the reasons for the slow growth of tourist traffic to the State; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to increase the flow of foreign tourists to Tamil Nadu?